



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Lee School District

Grades: PK-12

Enrollment: 2,544

Superintendent: Dr. Cleo Richardson

Board Chair: Sanya Moses

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	At-Risk	Excellent	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	At-Risk	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	CDI-HOLD
2006	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	CDI

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	1	7	9

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Districts with Students like Ours are Districts with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

PACT

PACT	2008 Reading % Basic and above	2008 Math % Basic and above	2008 Science % Basic and above	2008 Social Studies % Basic and above
District	49.0%	47.0%	28.0%	39.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	59.6%	57.9%	43.8%	51.4%
Average District	76.0%	76.0%	67.4%	71.3%

PACT	2008 Reading % Proficient & Advanced	2008 Math % Proficient & Advanced	2008 Science % Proficient & Advanced	2008 Social Studies % Proficient & Advanced
District	12.3%	6.4%	7.0%	7.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	20.0%	16.4%	15.0%	15.7%
Average District	37.6%	35.1%	36.4%	34.7%

HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtests (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	68.0%	13.8%	18.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	70.3%	15.2%	14.5%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2008 (%)

District	86.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	89.1%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	48.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	44.7%

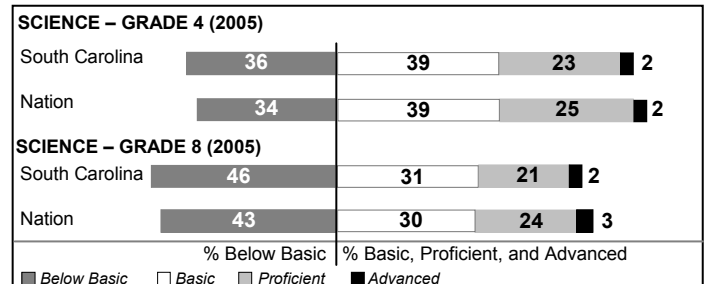
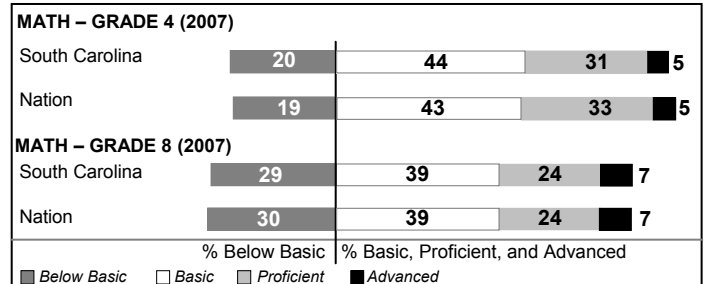
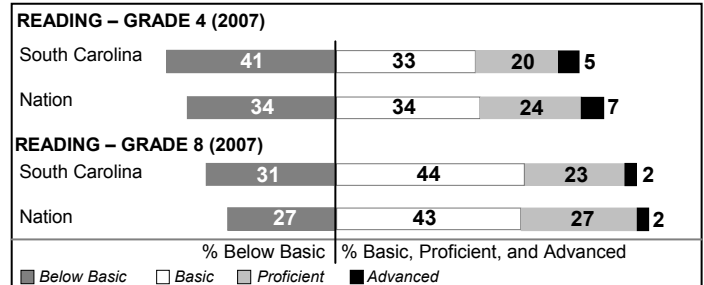
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	73.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.3%

** Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

NAEP*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

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DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=2,544)				
Retention rate	7.1%	Up from 6.4%	5.0%	4.0%
Attendance rate	93.9%	Down from 94.3%	95.3%	95.6%
Eligible for gifted and talented	0.7%	Down from 1.2%	6.4%	11.4%
With disabilities other than speech	10.3%	Up from 10.2%	11.9%	10.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	1.4%	Down from 1.5%	1.2%	0.8%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	20.0%	Up from 1.1%	5.4%	10.3%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	16.6%	56.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	26.5%	Up from 23.0%	25.0%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	39	Up from 31	26	48
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	23	Down from 31	11	27
Annual dropout rate	4.1%	Down from 4.8%	3.8%	3.8%
Teachers (n=197)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	58.4%	Up from 53.8%	52.9%	54.8%
Continuing contract teachers	52.3%	Down from 57.9%	57.5%	73.9%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	18.3%	Down from 20.7%	14.3%	5.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	83.4%	Up from 80.4%	83.8%	88.8%
Teacher attendance rate	94.8%	Down from 98.1%	94.5%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$41,868	Up 4.0%	\$42,079	\$45,107
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	2.5%	Down from 5.6%	1.3%	0.5%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	12.5%	Up from 9.4%	5.3%	2.5%
District				
Superintendent's years at district	0.5	Down from 2.0	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.8 to 1	Down from 20.8 to 1	18.7 to 1	20.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.8%	Down from 91.7%	87.8%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$9,179	Up 0.1%	\$9,939	\$8,666
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	49.0%	Down from 49.9%	47.7%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	52.7%	Down from 53.6%	51.8%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Excellent
Number of schools	8	Down from 9	4	9
Portable classrooms	4.3%	Down from 7.2%	6.1%	4.3%
Average age in years of school facilities	26 Years	Down from 28 Years	31 Years	26 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	7.0	Down from 8.0	4.0	8.0
Average administrator salary	\$67,205	Down 0.6%	\$71,864	\$76,032
Number of charter schools	1	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	57.9%		57.1%	69.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
M L Dinkins Higher Learning Academy (ELEM.)	At-Risk	At-Risk	Not Met
M L Dinkins Higher Learning Academy (MIDDLE)	At-Risk	At-Risk	Not Met

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Lee County School District continues to improve in most areas. The results of the district's measures of success, PACT, HSAP and EOCEP, indicate that the district has been on the rise with incremental gains in most grade levels in all subject areas tested. The Lee County School Board of Trustees' mission is to ensure advancement in student achievement by both a strong system of accountability and required resources.

The district continues to implement strategies, programs, and accountability measures to ensure the attainment of the adopted goals by 2009-2010. These goals focus on securing and allocating adequate financial resources to accomplish the mission of our district, increase student achievement in all subject areas, decrease the number of students identified for special education, and increase the number of students enrolled in Gifted and Talented courses and Dual or Advanced Placement courses.

The district continues to link professional development to school, district, and personal goals; support and expand professional learning communities; expand and strengthen action research as a way to respond to assessed student needs. The district continues to use MAP as a benchmark test to help guide instruction. Several grants have been awarded to supplement instruction and enhance student achievement.

The district adopted the Anderson Five Curriculum in July 2007. The district provided professional development for all grade levels and core subject areas. The guides were implemented during the 2007-2008 school year. Homework Centers and/or After-School Tutorial programs were available at all schools.

The Career and Technology Center is now located on the site with Lee Central High School. The district has begun work on building a new middle school to open on the same site as the high school. This project is to be completed by the 2009-2010 school year.

The efforts described in this narrative are evidence of our commitment to provide a quality education for the students of the Lee County School District.

Dr. Walter Tobin, Interim Superintendent
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